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The 1 Sofia Trudovak Brigade

1. the headquarters of this unit were located in Chepelare village
(N 41-43, E 24-41), Asenovgrad Okoliya.

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2. the quartermaster company is composed of about 80 Trudovaks.
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the brigade had a total strength of about 8,000-9,000 Trudovaks, from the classes of 1929, 1930, and 1931, and was composed of five Trudovak battalions with headquarters as follows:

a. Trudovak Battalion in Srednogortsi (N 41-32, E 24-55) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] strength about 1,000 Trudovaks engaged in working in the 25X1
Srednogortsi mines; [redacted] 25X1

b. Trudovak Battalion in Madan (N 41-30, E 24-55) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] strength about 2,000 Trudovaks working in the Madan mines; 25X1
other details not known;

c. Trudovak Battalion in Krushov Dol [redacted] strength 25X1
about 2,000 Trudovaks, working in the Krushov Dol mines; other details ,
not known.

d. Trudovak Battalion in Boevo (N 41-26, E 25-00) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] strength about 2,000 Trudovaks, working in the Boeva, Strashimir, 25X1
and Gyudyurska mines and the processing plant; and

e. Trudovak Battalion in Konski Dol (N 412730, E 24-56) [redacted] 25X1
the battalion headquarters is quartered in barracks constructed during
1949-1950; these are located about 200 meters southwest of the bridge on
the Madan-Zlatograd road in the place where this road crosses the
Borieva River about 4.5 kilometers south of Madan.

5. The barracks of Trudovak Battalion [redacted] are constructed on a 25X1
steep slope, on which courtyards have been arranged. They consist of three
masonry 2-story buildings, large, almost identical, painted white, roofed
with red Marseilles tile. They house about 500-600 men including the head- 25X1
quarters battalion and one of the Trudovak companies subordinate to it [redacted]

[redacted] In the headquarters battalion there is also the quartermaster company, 25X1

[redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

6. The Konski Dol Trudovak Battalion [redacted] has a total strength of 25X1
about 2,500-3,000 men, divided into four Trudovak companies, as follows:

a. First Company [redacted] this company is subordinate to the battalion 25X1
headquarters and has a strength of about 500 Trudovaks; it is quartered in
the barracks described in Para. 5 above; its personnel works in the "Konski
Dol" mines; the command personnel consists of 6-7 officers and an unidentified
number of starshinis and sergeants (names not known); other details unknown.

b. Second Company [redacted] strength about 600 Trudovaks, commanded 25X1
by three officers and three sergeant majors with detachment commands [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

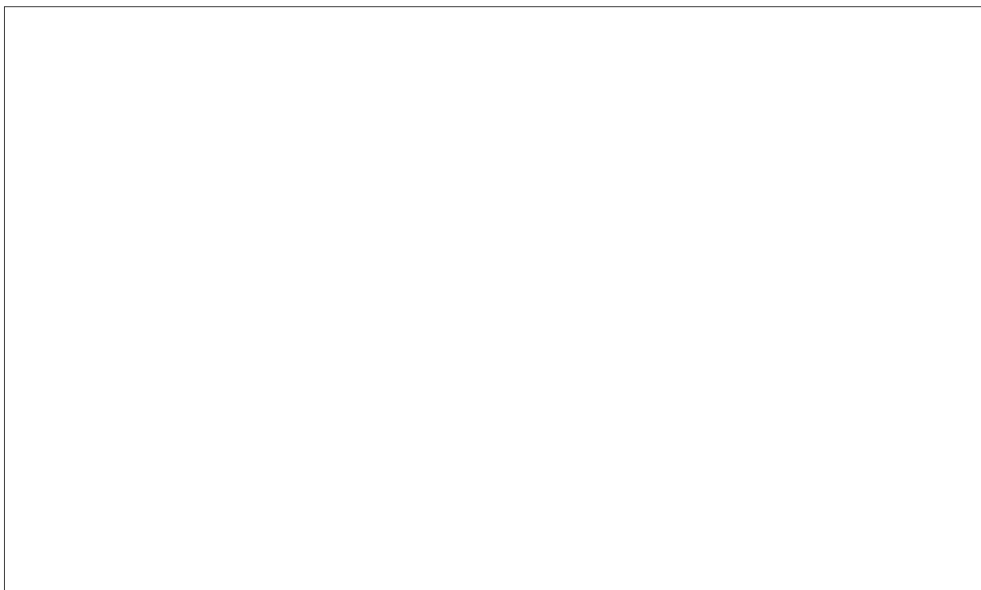
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This company works in the "Borieva" mines, and three of the detachments work as mine workers (a total of about 450 Trudovaks), and the fourth detachment is a technical detachment which is composed of about 100-150 Trudovaks (electrotechnicians, assemblymen, blacksmiths, turners, geologists, etc.) who work in the various workshops at the mine. Three of the detachments are quartered in barracks built in 1949-1950, located about 500 meters northeast of the "Borieva" Mine. The barracks is located on the very summit of a level peak; the area is not fenced in. The barracks consists of one masonry, 3-story building, painted white, roofed with red Marseilles tile, approximately 50 x 20 meters in size, situated in a cleared area. The fourth (technical) detachment is lodged in three buildings located in the mine area. The Trudovaks work in three shifts,

- c. Third Company [redacted] strength about 600 Trudovaks, working somewhere in the "Petrovitsa" mines (exact location not known); further details not known; and 25X1
- d. Fourth Company [redacted] strength about 500-600 Trudovaks, working also in the "Petrovitsa" mines (exact location not known); further details unknown. 25X1

7. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] in 1953 the work in the Madan mining basin would be taken over by the Plovdiv Trudovak Brigade [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] 25X1

[redacted] the Madan installation had been placed under the Plovdiv Trudovak brigade, which [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] took place on 1 January 1953 since usually the changing and transferring of Trudovaks takes place every January 1. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] 25X1

this turnover of the Madan installation from one brigade to another was not the transfer of a whole brigade, but only that of changing the denomination from one Trudovak unit to another, since the personnel remained the same, that is to say, the command itself was turned over from the 1 Sofia Trudovak Brigade to the Plovdiv Brigade. This transfer of the installations from

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25X1

one Trudovak unit to another, as well as the transfer of the command personnel of Trudovak companies and battalions in a given brigade, also usually occurred on every January 1.

8. The personnel of 1 Trudovak Brigade [redacted] 25X1
 consisted of about 15 percent Bulgarians [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] 25X1
9. [redacted] generally the morale of those subordinate to 1 Sofia Brigade was comparatively high and only because of the fact that they were paid a certain monthly salary by "Gorubso". The salary was paid upon the basis of the work performed, and usually varied between 150 and 200 leva per month. [redacted] since 1 January 1953 25X1
 the paying of wages had been discontinued and thus the brigade became the same as any other Trudovak unit in Bulgaria. When this reform took effect, the morale and willingness to work of the Trudovaks of this brigade fell immediately and [redacted] now are very low, since the work 25X1
 in the Madan mining basin is primarily underground and extremely hard and the only thing that had been driving the Trudovaks to work had been the payment of a small sum of money. With the removal of this any desire to work disappeared.

The 2 Sofia Trudovak Brigade

10. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] the 2 Sofia 25X1
 Trudovak Brigade was working in the mining administration around Bukhovo village, Sofia Okoliya.
11. [redacted] Trudovaks from the 25X1
 1 Sofia Brigade were commissioned into 2 Sofia Trudovak Brigade. [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] 25X1

Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade, Podelenie 26-50 (Prior to July 1953)

12. The headquarters of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade [redacted] are 25X1
 located in Stara Zagora. The brigade is quartered in old barracks located in the northwest end of the city about 300-400 meters from "Ayazmo"; the southwest side they border the barracks area of an unidentified artillery unit [redacted] 25X1
13. The barracks area of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade is about 150 x 150 meters in size and is enclosed by a barbed wire fence. In this area are the following buildings:
- a. Two masonry, 3-story buildings, painted white, roofed with Red Marseilles tile, approximately 50 x 20 meters in size; one of the buildings is used by the brigade Headquarters, and the other as a barracks;
 - b. One masonry, 2-story building, painted white, roofed with red Marseilles tile, approximately 20 x 10 meters in size; it is used by the Headquarters of Trudovak Battalion, Podelenie 26-90;
 - c. One 1-story masonry building, painted yellow, roofed with red Marseilles tile, about 20 x 10 meters in size; used for the medical needs of the brigade;

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- d. One old, masonry, 1-story building, unpainted, roofed with red Marseilles tile, about 20 x 10 meters in size; used for guard service and other unknown purposes;
 - e. Three or four masonry, almost identical buildings, painted white, roofed with red Marseilles tiles, standing in a row, about 20 x 10 meters in size; these are used as clothing, equipment, bakery, and food warehouses; and
 - f. One 1-story, masonry, building, painted yellow, roofed with red Marseilles tile, about 30 x 10 meters in size; used as workshops for the brigade carpentry, tailor, shoemakers, etc.
14. For the location and the layout of the buildings in the barracks area of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade, see the sketch included as Appendix A on page 11. For a table of organization of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade, see Appendix B on page 12.
15. The Headquarters of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade is composed of about 20-25 officers

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16. [redacted] the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade is equipped with the following transportation equipment and beasts of burden, located in the barracks area: 25X1
- a. Trucks: about 20-30, primarily "Reno" and "ZIS";
 - b. Light cars: one, for the brigade commander; allegedly this was formerly Prince Kiril's car;
 - c. Wagons: 3-4;
 - d. Carts: about 15-20;
 - e. Horses: 20-25; and
 - f. Mules: 20-30.
17. [redacted] subordinate battalions, companies, and detachments were extremely widely dispersed, working in many different locations and at a large number of installations. [redacted] the brigade has a total strength of not less than 3,000 Trudovaks. 25X1
25X1
25X1
18. [redacted] as of 4 July 1953, units of this brigade were located in the following areas: 25X1
- a. In or near Grudovo (formerly Sredets); [redacted] this is a battalion subordinate to the Stara Zagora Trudovak brigade [redacted] the unit was there since September or October 1952 and [redacted] is was engaged in constructing some kind of a new road (route unknown), and [redacted] it was also completing some kind of large buildings (exact type and location not known) [redacted] 25X1
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 - b. At Ravnets airfield; [redacted] at the airfield this or other units of the brigade have been working for the past three years; in September 1952, when the construction of the concrete runways was completed, part of the unit was sent to join other units of the brigade, while another portion of the unit remained at the airfield and continued construction of large buildings on it. 25X1
25X1
25X1
 - c. In Nova Zagora; [redacted] a battalion of the Stara Zagora Trudovak brigade [redacted] is located there [redacted] it has been working there since 1952 and [redacted] it is engaged in constructing some kind of new barracks and supplementary buildings for the artillery barracks of the city; among the Trudovak units engaged in work in Nova Zagora, one unit was sent to Kortan village (N 42-33, E 26-00), Nova Zagora Okoliya, where it was constructing new mineral baths; 25X1
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 - d. In Elkhovo; [redacted] there are two detachments of Trudovak unit [redacted] subordinate to Trudovak Battalion [redacted] 25X1
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of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade in this town; these detachments have a strength of about 80 Trudovaks and were moved there on 15-20 June 1953;

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- e. At the Svilengrad railroad station [] one detachment (not known whether it is a company or battalion of the brigade) is at this location and has been working there since 1952; []

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25X1

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- f. Near Uzundzhovo village, Khaskovo Okoliya [] subordinate to the Stara Zagora Brigade, which is located and working there; [] they are working on the construction of large buildings at Uzundzhovo airfield and are working in the stone quarry near the village; they started work there in April 1952; in October 1952, after completing the concrete runways, part of the personnel of the unit were sent to join other units of the brigade, and about 25 men were transferred []

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Trudovak Battalion []

19. Trudovak Battalion [] is subordinate to the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade. The headquarters of the battalion is located in Stara Zagora, at the brigade barracks. []

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[] the detachments of it are scattered very widely and at many various installations. []

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[] location [] of the following units of the battalion:

- a. Trudovak Company [] with headquarters in Kazanluk [] detachments of this company are working at the following locations:

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- (1) One detachment is starting construction work at the Kazanluk baths, involving the erection of large buildings for the bath itself;
- (2) One detachment is working at the gasoline depot near Kazanluk; the detachment consists of about 30 Trudovaks, commanded by Junior Lieutenant Stefan Delidimov, 21, from Vazovgrad;
- (3) One detachment is in Yagoda village, Kazanluk Okoliya; the detachment works on the construction of some type of barracks; it consists of about 40 Trudovaks, commanded by a starshina known as "Bolshevika", []

25X1

- (4) One detachment in Stara Zagora, commanded by Junior Lieutenant Peev []

25X1

25X1

[] the detachment is divided into three sections located and working at various installations in Stara Zagora, as follows:

- (a) One section at the Stara Zagora airfield; consists of about 40 Trudovaks, commanded by senior sergeant Peyu Vachev, []

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- (b) One section located at the artillery barracks [] 25X1
 [] in Stara Zagora; it is doing repair work; it consists 25X1
 of about 30 Trudovaks, commanded by Sergeant Bogdanov (fnu), 25X1
 []

- (c) One section works at the barracks of the Interior Troops in 25X1
 Stara Zagora; it is doing repair work; it consists of about 25X1
 20-30 men, commanded by a junior sergeant []

- (5) One detachment in Korten village, Nova Zagora Okoliya; it takes
 part in the construction of the new baths, together with the unit
 of the Nova Zagora battalion subordinate to the Stara Zagora
 Trudovak brigade.

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- b. Trudovak Company [] with headquarters located in Chirpan; 25X1
 the whole company is located in Chirpan; [] 25X1
 any information concerning the subordinate units and the command personnel
 of this unit; he knew that this unit is constructing some kind of new
 barracks; it has been in Chirpan since October 1952;

- c. Trudovak Company, [] the entire personnel of this company 25X1
 was working on an installation near Osetenovo village, Kazanluk Okoliya,
 but on 4 July 1953 was transferred and only two of its seven (sic)
 detachments remained; one detachment was sent to Trudovak Company,
 [] and one detachment was sent to Stalin (formerly Varna), 25X1
 together with Lieutenant Sotirov (fnu); two other detachments went to
 Elkhovo [] 25X1
 [] 25X1

20. The temporary depots of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade for supplying the
 installations in and around Stara Zagora are located in the barracks area
 of the brigade.

21. The personnel of the brigade consists of about 8 percent Bulgarians [] 25X1
 [] 25X1

22. The morale of the Trudovaks, especially those working at the special
 installations such as at Osetenovo, was very low because of the extremely
 hard nature of the work and the poor conditions and long work day (not
 less than 12 hours, at the installations with one or two shifts), and
 because they were under constant criticism. Although they did not show
 their indignation openly, the Trudovaks murmured their discontent every
 day and very often escaped.

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[] 25X1

23. [] generally conditions were worse in the Stara Zagora Trudovak brigade than in the 1 Sofia Brigade. 25X1

Legends to Accompanying Sketches

24. The following legend refers to a sketch [] 25X1
[] showing the location and layout of buildings in the barracks area of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade, included as Appendix A on page 11: 25X1

1. Headquarters of Trudovak Brigade [] 25X1

2. Barracks buildings

3. Headquarters of Trudovak Battalion [] 25X1

4. Carpenter, Tailor, and Shoe Shops

5. Infirmary

6. Guard buildings

7. Auto repair shop

8. Bakery

9. Stables and sheds

10. Warehouses

11. Officer of the Day building

12. Guard post

13. Road to Kazanluk

14. Barracks of artillery unit [] 25X1

15. Hill

16. Parade ground

17. Built-up section of Stara Zagora

25. The following legend refers to a sketch [] 25X1
[] showing the Table of Organization of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade, 25X1
included as Appendix B on page 12:

A Trudovak Brigade, Stara Zagora, [] 25X1

I Trudovak Battalion, Stara Zagora [] 25X1

II Trudovak Battalion, Nova Zagora; constructing new barracks

III Trudovak Battalion, Grudovo (formerly Sredets); constructing new road

IV Trudovak Battalion; constructing large buildings at Ravnets airfield, Burgas Okoliya

1 Trudovak Company [] Osetenovo, Kazanluk Okoliya; constructing gasoline reservoirs; 25X1

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- [redacted] 25X1
- 2 Trudovak Company [redacted] Kazanluk
- 3 Trudovak Company [redacted] constructing new barracks in Chirpan 25X1
- 4 Trudovak Company; constructing large buildings at Uzundzhovo airfield, Khaskovo Okoliya
- 5 Trudovak Company, of the Nova Zagora Trudovak Battalion, and Trudovak Platoon of Trudovak Company [redacted] constructing baths in Korten village, Nova Zagora Okoliya 25X1
- a. Trudovak Platoon, Kazanluk; at gasoline depot
- b. Trudovak Platoon, Kazanluk; at new baths
- c. Trudovak Platoon, Yagoda village, Kazanluk Okoliya
- d Trudovak Platoon, Stara Zagora
- d' Trudovak unit repairing barracks of artillery unit [redacted] 25X1
- d'' Trudovak unit building barracks of Ministry of Interior troops, Stara Zagora
- d''' Trudovak unit building roads in Stara Zagora airfield
- f Two Trudovak platoon in Elkhovo, of 3 Company [redacted] 25X1
- g One Trudovak platoon in Varna (now Stalin), of 3 Company [redacted] 25X1

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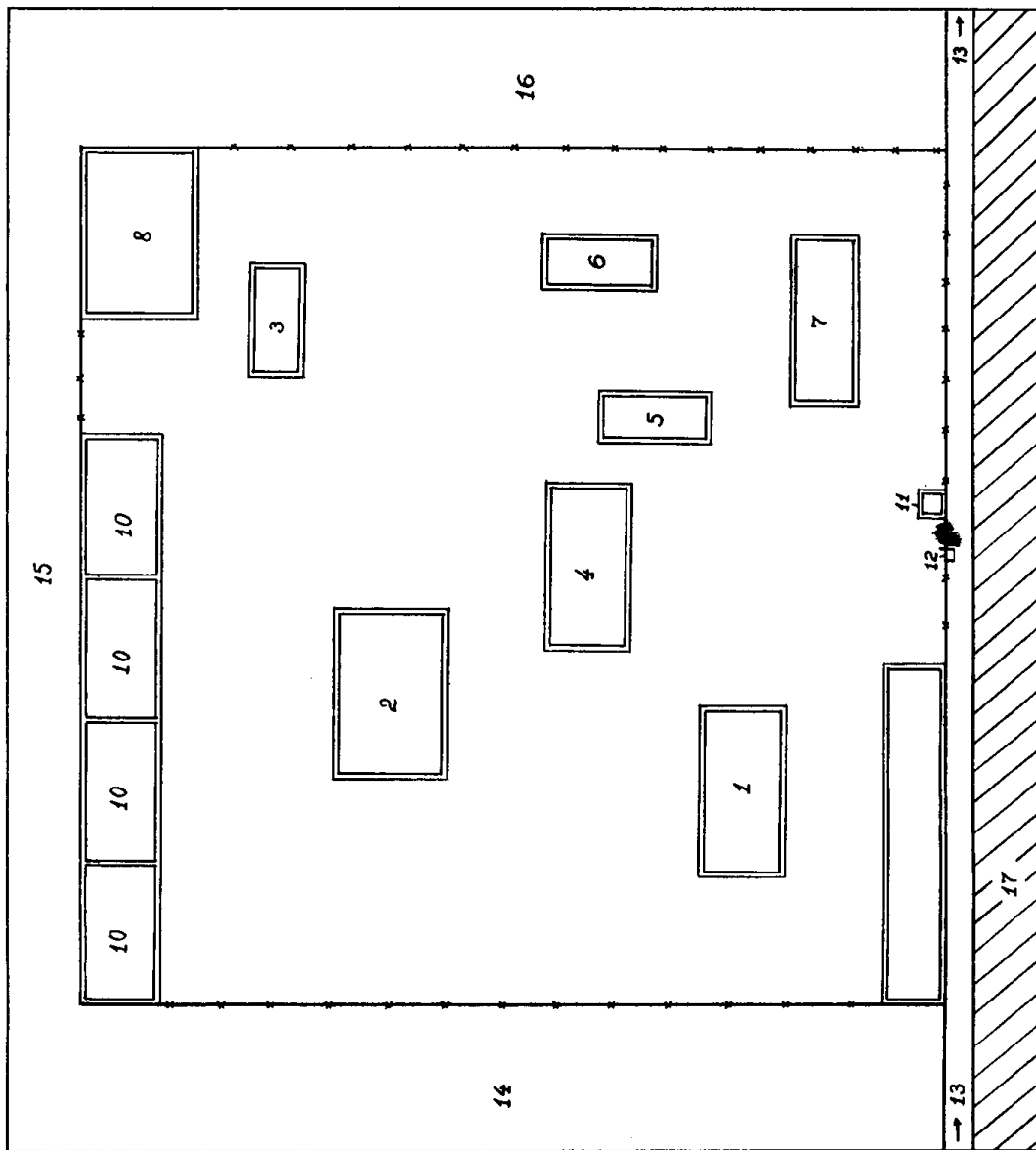
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APPENDIX A

Barracks Area of the Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade

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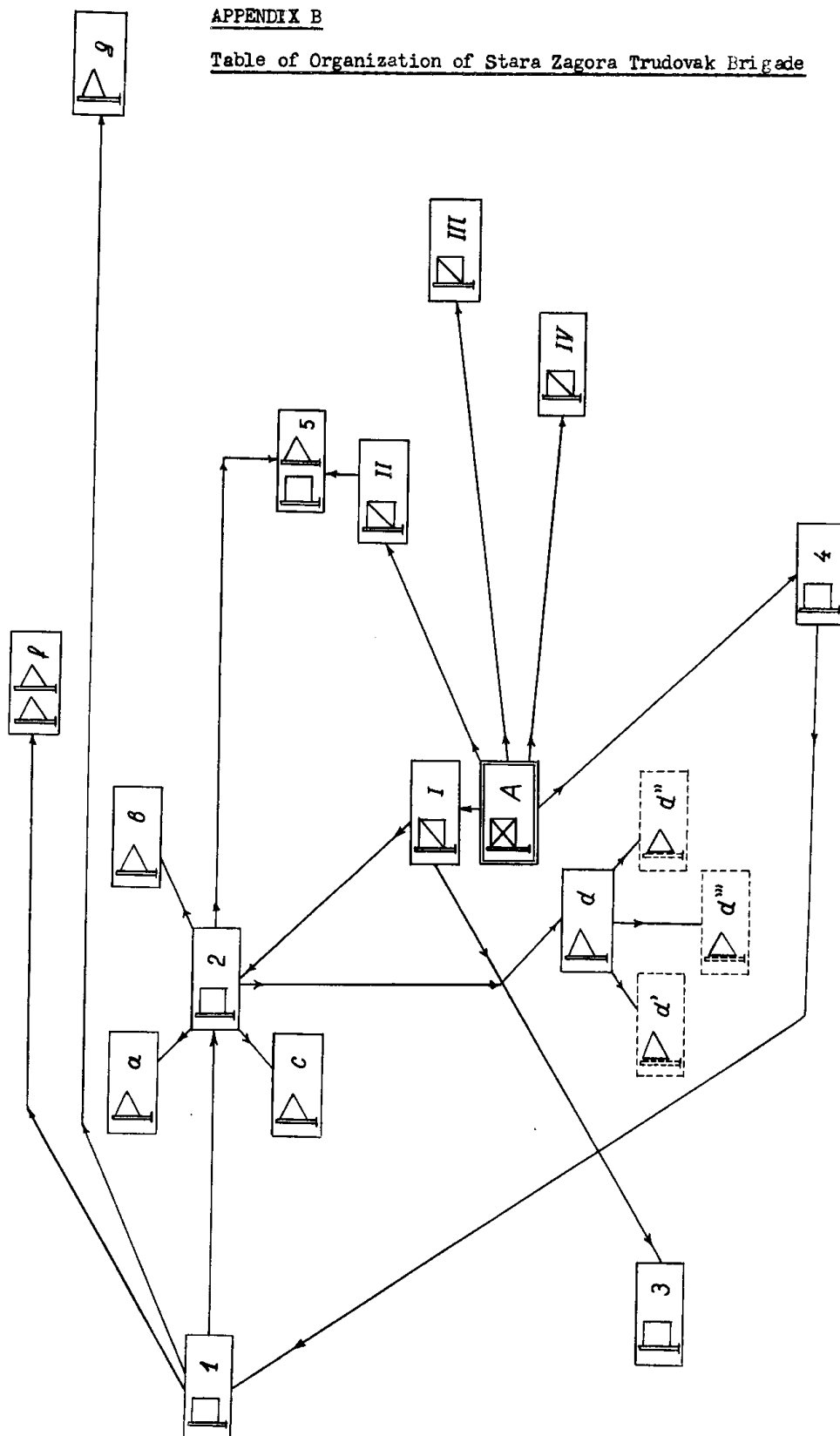
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APPENDIX B

Table of Organization of Stara Zagora Trudovak Brigade



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